

MERCY MALAYSIA IN PHILIPPINES





The Malaysian Medical Relief Society or MERCY Malaysia is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing medical relief, sustainable health-related development, risk reduction activities and building resilient communities for vulnerable communities in crisis and non-crisis situations, both locally and internationally. It is a registered society under the Societies Act 1966 (Society No. 1155) in Malaysia.



Emergency Distribution Hygiene Kits, Valencia, 2013.

WHAT WE DO?

We focus on providing medical relief, sustainable health-related development and risk reduction activities for vulnerable communities, in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

We provide emergency medical and humanitarian aid.

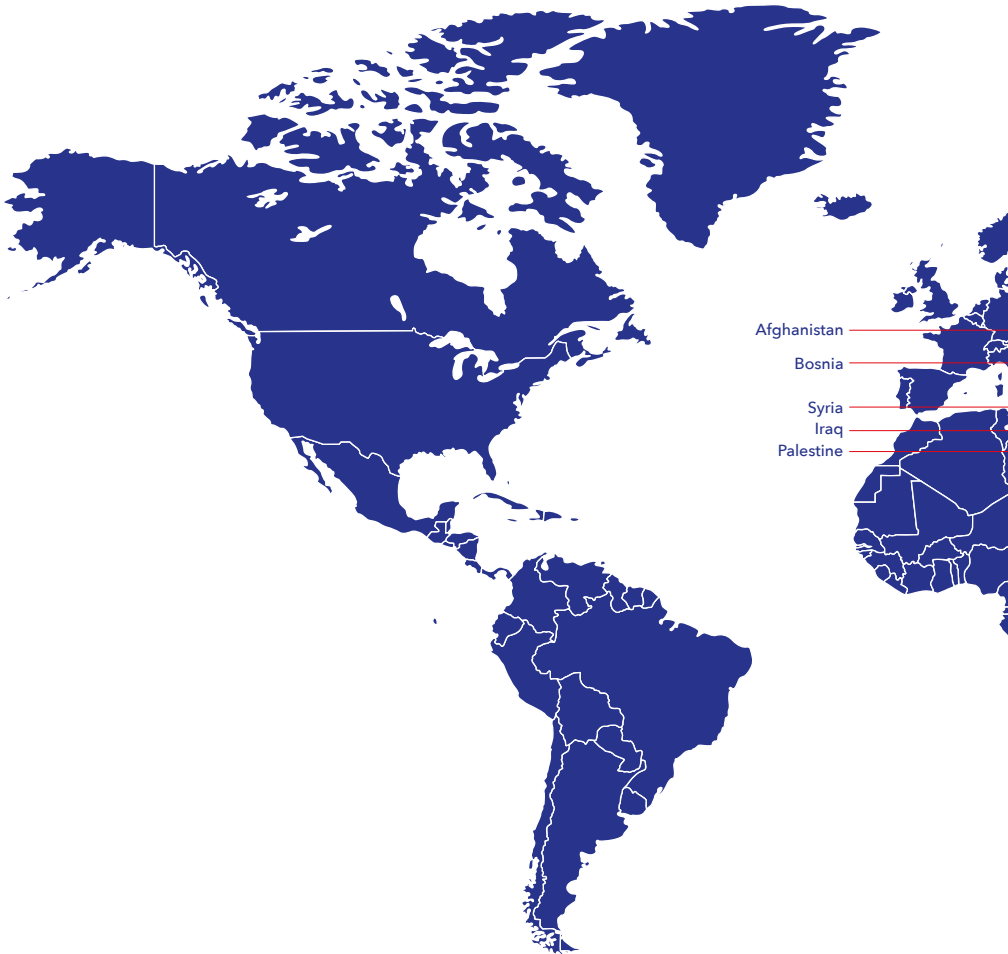
We carry out sustainable development by helping communities find ways to prepare and protect themselves in the event of natural disasters; by rebuilding and refurbishing hospitals and health clinics; and by providing health-related trainings and educational programs.

Our aim is to build resilience in all the communities that we touch.

MERCY Malaysia implements its domestic and international projects and programmes through Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM) approach. Implementation through TDRM approach highlights the importance of discovering a clearer understanding and response to disaster management while also addressing the root causes and underlying factors that lead to disasters.

MERCY Malaysia has implemented a range of projects in over 42 countries since 1999, providing humanitarian assistance in the areas of healthcare, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), reconstruction and rehabilitation, shelter and Building Resilient Communities (BRC), reaching over 1 million beneficiaries.

Over the last decade, the organisation has blossomed with teams sent to disaster-stricken zones and programmes rolled out in various countries and in different disasters. As a registered society under the Societies Act, MERCY Malaysia has over 500 members and is supported by approximately 5,000 registered volunteers to date.



Afghanistan
 Bosnia
 Syria
 Iraq
 Palestine

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Kosovo Turkey	Indonesia India	Cambodia Afghanistan	Cambodia Afghanistan Malaysia	Afghanistan Sri Lanka Palestine Iraq Iran	Indonesia Afghanistan Malaysia Sri Lanka Sudan North Korea Philippines	Indonesia Afghanistan Malaysia Cambodia Pakistan	Indonesia Afghanistan Malaysia Philippines Pakistan Maldives Lebanon	Indonesia Afghanistan Malaysia Sudan Bangladesh Vietnam

Map showing MERCY Malaysia's current activities, and overall (1999 - current) timeline of our footprints.

OUR FOOTPRINTS



2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Malaysia
Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Indonesia
Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Ethiopia
India	India	India	India	India	India	India	Cambodia	Lebanon
Cambodia	Cambodia	Cambodia	Cambodia	Cambodia	Cambodia	Cambodia	Sri Lanka	Jordan
Palestine	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Palestine	Palestine
Sudan	Palestine	Palestine	Palestine	Palestine	Palestine	Palestine	Philippines	Myanmar
North Korea	Sudan	Sudan	Sudan	Sudan	Sudan	Sudan	Iraq	Sierra Leone
Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan	Syria	Philippines
Maldives	Maldives	Maldives	Bangladesh	Philippines	Philippines	Philippines	Bosnia	Nepal
Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Bangladesh	China	Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Lebanon	Bosnia
China	China	China	Myanmar	China	Lebanon	Lebanon	Jordan	
Myanmar	Myanmar	Myanmar	Philippines	Myanmar	Myanmar	Myanmar	Syria	
Yemen	Philippines	Chile	Turkey	Japan	Japan	Japan	Nepal	
			Japan	Somalia	Somalia	Somalia		
			Libya	Thailand	Turkey	Turkey		
			Somalia	Jordan	Jordan	Jordan		
			Tunisia		Syria	Syria		



MERCY Malaysia's footprints in the Philippines.

MERCY MALAYSIA IN PHILIPPINES

MERCY Malaysia first entered Philippines in 2004, in response to Typhoon Winnie which hit the eastern coasts of Luzon.

Instantly a MERCY Malaysia's Emergency Response Team was deployed to provide emergency medical assistance to people affected by the Typhoon. This medical team was the first of countless medical teams to be deployed to various locations in Philippines to assist those affected and injured by natural disasters and violent conflict.

Assistance has not stopped there, throughout the years MERCY Malaysia has expanded its projects to include rehabilitation and reconstruction of basic infrastructure, improve access to WASH facilities, strengthening of medical facilities and increase of communities resilience to natural disasters.

The organizations growing presence in Philippines, especially following Typhoon Haiyan, has led the organization to set up a Country Office in Ormoc City so project and programmes can be implemented successfully.

MERCY MALAYSIA IN MINDANAO

MERCY Malaysia conducted an assessment in Mindanao on 7 - 13 March 2013 on the invitation from the MILF Central Committee Chairman.

The team also conducted continuous assessment and further identify other humanitarian needs, which include psychosocial programmes and providing health facilities.

The team also assessed damaged facilities and subject to available funds, ascertain the possibility of rehabilitation.

Team of 6 people:

- Vice President of the MERCY Malaysia Executive Committee
- Executive Director of MERCY Malaysia secretariat
- Psychologist
- WASH expert
- Planner
- Programme officer

Areas assessed:

- Health/medical support
- Psychosocial support
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
- Disaster risk reduction (DRR)

Locations assessed:

- Barangays of Ganta, Libungan Teretes, and Butig
- Cotabato Sanatorium, Cotabato Regional and Medical Centre, and Women & Livelihood NGOs
- Consultations were done with local communities, IDPs, and NGOs

FINDINGS

Location	Needs, Issues and Gaps
Barangay Ganta	WASH - Lack of manpower, clean water system, and latrines. Livelihood support - including livestock for field work and equipments.
Barangay Libutan Teretes	Health - Medical and healthcare support, health education, psychosocial program and training. WASH - Lack of clean water, water supply & storage, sanitation, and latrines.
Barangay Butig	Health - PHC, Hygiene education. WASH - Lack of clean water system, irrigation . Livelihood support and training on normalization of combatants.
Cotabato Sanatorium	Health - Manpower support and training. Psychosocial programs and training.
Cotabato Regional and Medical Center	Health - Manpower support and training especially in areas of RH, MH and Paeds. Psychosocial programs and training. WASH - Water storage and supply issues (contamination, old system could break down and new system not operationalized. Behavioral change on hygiene needed.
INFO - Women's INGO	Health - Education and support. Psychosocial programs and training. Medical team members to join missions Livelihood support.

DISASTER IMPACT AND RESPONSES





2012 PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title	Tropical Storm Washi Emergency Response
Location	Cagayan De Oro City Northern Mindanao Region
Period	6 January - 23 February 2012
Background	<p>Tropical Storm Washi, known locally as Sendong, swept across the Northern Mindanao region from 16 to 18 December. The region was struck by strong winds, heavy rainfall, flash flooding and landslides. Nearly 700,000 people were affected by the storm, with more than 40,000 homes damaged, of which 11,463 were completely destroyed.</p> <p>1,472 fatalities 1,074 people missing 1,748 injuries</p>
Objectives	Provide emergency primary healthcare services to those affected.
Activities	Conduct outreach clinics providing primary healthcare services.
Outputs	Deployment 4 medical teams Provision of healthcare services for 6 weeks through weekly outreach clinics at 8 evacuation centres.

Project Title	Psychosocial Skills Training for Humanitarian and Community Workers
Location	Cagayan De Oro City and Iligan City Northern Mindanao Region
Period	28 March to 4 April 2012
Background	Tropical Storm Washi, known locally as Sendong, swept across the Northern Mindanao region from 16 to 18 December. The storm left a trail of physical destruction and psychosocial despair as thousands of people lost their homes and loved ones, as well as being forced to live in evacuation centres for months. Thereby, the psychosocial assistance required from local agencies and responders was overwhelming.
Objectives	Strengthen local responders and agencies psychosocial activities through conducting psychosocial training.
Activities	3-days Psychosocial training.
Outputs	76 humanitarian and community workers trained to respond to psychosocial needs of affected communities.

Project Title	Typhoon Bopha Emergency Response
Location	Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental East Mindanao
Period	14 December 2012 - 29 January 2013
Background	Typhoon Bopha, as Category 5 super typhoon, made landfall in Mindanao on December 4th 2012, causing massive destruction across 3,064 villages in 34 provinces. The devastating super typhoon affected more than 6.2 million people, leaving more than 1,800 people missing or dead. A state of calamity was declared over 50 provinces as an estimated 95% of roads, houses and crops were destroyed.
Objectives	Provision of emergency primary healthcare services to affected rural communities.
Activities	Conduct weekly outreach clinics for 7 weeks Provision primary healthcare services.
Outputs	Provision of primary healthcare services to 8,505 patients through 28 outreach clinics.

2013 PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title	Humanitarian Outreach Clinics
Location	Cotabato, West Mindanao
Period	25 May - 7 June 2013
Background	Mindanao has been plagued by conflict since 1972, a conflict that has claimed more than 120,000 lives and displaced millions. Majority of the population thereby remains poor as the consistent state of unrest has hampered development efforts. Access to basic services, such as healthcare, remains an issue for rural communities. This leaves the population at risk and vulnerable.
Objectives	Strengthen the provision of healthcare services to rural communities.
Activities	Provision of mobile clinics to 6 barangays. Assessment of health needs and gaps of rural communities.
Outputs	Primary healthcare services were provided to 1,101 patients through 6 outreach clinics. Holistic needs assessment of the health needs and gaps of the community.

Project Title	Emergency Distribution of Hygiene Kits
Location	Valencia District, Central Mindanao
Period	27 November - 13 December 2013
Background	<p>Communities in Valencia District have limited access to basic necessities, such as clean water, due high poverty rates and slow development. Provision of basic services such as healthcare and education are limited due to scarce resources and high occurrence of natural disasters. Communities living in the district thereby are highly susceptible to communicable diseases and waterborne diseases due to lack of access to clean water and lack of good hygiene practices. Recently, the health cluster reported an outbreak of severe diarrhoea throughout the region, placing thousands of lives at risk.</p>
Objectives	<p>Increase selected communities health resilience through distribution of hygiene kits.</p> <p>Increase hygiene and health education amongst selected communities.</p>
Activities	<p>Distribution of hygiene kits.</p> <p>Conduct hygiene and health education sessions.</p>
Outputs	<p>Distribution of 1,038 hygiene kits to affected communities in 2 barangays.</p> <p>Hygiene and health education sessions for affected communities in 2 barangays.</p>

Project Title	Emergency Response to Zamboanga Conflict
Location	Zamboanga City, West Mindanao
Period	20 September - 10 October 2013
Background	Violent conflict erupted between the splinter group MILF and APF armed forces in the Zamboanga City on September 9th 2013. The fighting in the initial few days displaced 4,000 people, however as violence intensified more than 63,000 people fled to evacuation centre by the end of the first week. The affected population were in need of immediate assistance, such as provision of basic livelihood goods and services.
Objectives	Reduce the risk and spread of communicable diseases amongst the affected population.
Activities	Provision of emergency basic hygiene items. Coordinate relief operations amongst actors in Zamboanga City.
Outputs	Distribution of 2,500 hygiene kits to most vulnerable communities affected by the conflict.

2014 PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title	Mother and Child Healthcare & WASH Program
Location	Cotabato, West Mindanao
Period	November - December 2014
Background	<p>Mindanao, a region rich in resources has been plagued by violent conflict between government and separatist groups since 1972. The most recent renewed fighting erupted in 2008, which forced an estimated 450,000 people to be displaced. However, in 2012 a historic peace agreement was signed between the two warring factions, bringing relative stability to the region. The prolonged conflict, instability and insecurity has resulted in the region suffering from high poverty rates and low development. Access to basic services and facilities is limited, placing communities at high risk to diseases and poor health.</p>
Objectives	Improve access to basic services and facilities for affected communities.
Activities	Needs assessment of water and healthcare system. Maternal and child healthcare training.
Outputs	Needs assessment of water systems in area. Training sessions on maternal healthcare for midwives and nurses at Cotabato Sanitarium.

Project Title	Rehabilitation of Nasunogan Elementary School
Location	Ormoc City, Visayas
Period	2014
Background	<p>Super Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in Visayas on 8th November 2013. More than 12.9 million people were affected, which 1.9 million people left homeless. The typhoon caused significant damage to basic services, such as hospitals and schools. Nasunogan Elementary School was used as an evacuation centre, however was significantly damaged during the typhoon. This placed the evacuees at significant risk, as well as leaving the communities children without a school to return to.</p>
Objectives	<p>Provide a safe and resilient environment for children to learn in. Reduce communities vulnerability to natural disasters.</p>
Activities	<p>Reconstruction and rehabilitation of damaged schools infrastructure. Conduct School Preparedness Programme for students and teachers.</p>
Outputs	<p>Reconstruction of 3 blocks (4 classrooms, 1 lab, 7 toilets, 1 teachers room and 1 library) Construction of covered walkway between school blocks. SPP for 250 students and teachers.</p>

Project Title	Emergency Repsonse Tyhpoon Hagupit
Location	Dolores, Eastern Samaar
Period	2014
Background	Typhoon Hagupit, known locally as Tyhpoon Ruby, made landfall over Dolores in Eastern Samaar in December 2014. The typhoon caused widespread flash flooding and landslides, affecting over 2.3 million people. Many families were still recovery from Typhoon Haiyan which has caused major damage in 2013. Thereby, the impact impact of Typhoon Hagupit was significant and widely felt.
Objectives	Strengthen the protection and resilience of pregnant and lactating mothers. Decrease the risk of pregnancy complication experienced by pregnant and lactating women.
Activities	Distribution of dignity kits to pregnant and lactating women. Health and hygiene education sessions for pregnant and lactating women. Provision of primary and reproductive health care services for selected barangays.
Outputs	Treatment of 1,438 patients through mobile clinics.



Mobile clinic, Valencia, 2013.



Typhoon Bopha 2012 medical treatment.





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